

## Other things you should know

If your income, assets, or living situation change, you must call your worker to report the change immediately.

At least once a year, your worker will review your income, assets and living situation to verify that you are still eligible for State Supplement.

If you have disposed of an asset within the three years prior to your application and did not receive fair market value for it, your application may be denied. If you transfer or dispose of an asset while you are receiving State Supplement and you do not get fair market value for it, your benefits may be discontinued.

If you own your own home, the State will file a lien against the title so that any assistance you receive can be recovered. Repayment of assistance, plus a small filing fee, can clear the lien at any time.

If you have any questions about anything in this pamphlet, or if you need additional information, please call your Department worker.

The Department of Social Services' programs are available to all applicants and recipients without regard to race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, learning disabilities, national origin, ancestry or language barriers. The Department of Social Services is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

## DSS Regional Offices

### Northern Region

Hartford	(860) 723-1000
Manchester	(860) 647-1441
New Britain	(860) 612-3400
Willimantic	(860) 465-3500

### Southern Region

Middletown	(860) 704-3100
New Haven	(203) 974-8000
Norwich	(860) 823-5000

### Western Region

Bridgeport	(203) 551-2700
Danbury	(203) 207-8900
Stamford	(203) 251-9300
Torrington	(860) 496-6900
Waterbury	(203) 597-4000

For more information, visit [www.ct.gov/dss](http://www.ct.gov/dss), click on "Other Adults"

This information is available in alternate format. Phone the Public & Government Relations office - (860) 424-5010 or TDD/TTY (800) 842-4524

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## State Supplement

For the Aged, Blind & Disabled

Financial Assistance



## About the Program

The State Supplement Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled can provide monthly benefits to low-income individuals for basic living needs.

Individuals may qualify for the State Supplement Program if their income is not enough to meet their basic needs and if they are at least 65 years old, or if disabled and age 18 to 64, or blind.

To qualify, an individual must have other income, such as Supplemental Security Income benefits, Social Security retirement or disability benefits, a small pension or, in some cases, wages.

The monthly income limit is computed on an individual basis, with a monthly maximum gross income of \$2022 for an individual, unless living in a residential care home, regardless of need. There is also a limit on the amount of assets a person can have to qualify. Asset Limits are \$1600 per individual, and \$2400 per couple. Generally, countable assets are things like bank accounts, cash on hand, stocks and bonds, and life insurance. A Department worker will explain the asset limits when receiving an individual's application.

An individual may be eligible for up to \$400 in rent expense assistance if living alone, \$200 if sharing shelter costs, as well as a personal needs allowance of \$164.10 if single or \$165.10 if married and living with his or her spouse. If living in a licensed facility (Residential Care) an individual may be eligible for the actual facility rate, plus a personal needs allowance of \$28.90.

## If you think you or someone you care about may qualify

...visit or phone the Social Services office nearest you. A list of offices is on the back of this pamphlet. If you cannot visit the office, you can apply by mail.

If you visit the office, bring proof of your income and assets, such as bank accounts or life insurance. Examples of proof of income are copies of your Social Security, SSI or pension check(s).

### When you apply

...you will be given an application form which you must complete and you will be assigned a worker to handle your application. If you do not understand something on the form, ask your worker to explain it.

Your worker will prepare a personal budget for you, based partly on your expenses for shelter and partly on an established State rate for your other basic needs, like food, clothing and utilities.

Your worker will then compare your personal budget to your income. We will not count part of your income, and that amount will vary depending on your living situation or type of income.

If your income, after the deduction, is less than your personal budget, you may qualify for a monthly payment.

## If the application is granted

...you will be assigned a permanent worker to keep track of your case. You will receive a check in the mail every month.

You will also receive a Medicaid card, which you can use when you need medical care. Show it to your doctor or other health care provider when you need medical services. If your doctor or other healthcare provider participates in the Connecticut Medicaid program, he or she will send the bill to the State, not to you.

Important: If you have other health insurance or Medicare, you must tell your health provider that you do. This is because Medicaid pays only the part of the bill not covered by other insurance.

You may also qualify for help with utility and heating bill and for Food Stamps. Ask your worker for details.

## If the application is denied

...you will be mailed a notice explaining why. The notice will also tell you about your right to appeal through a Fair Hearing.